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(North Dakota) Oil, saltwater spill reported at well site near Parshall. Houston-based EOG Resources reported a tank overflow July 22 which spilled 20 barrels of oil and 246 barrels of saltwater. The substances have been contained and an inspector was sent to the location July 23.

http://bismarcktribune.com/bakken/oil-saltwater-spill-reported-at-well-site-near-parshall/article_327eb5ea-b16e-5149-96da-9d76f9bf9bc3.html

(North Dakota) Tularemia Identified In Four North Dakota Counties. The North Dakota Department of Health and the North Dakota Department of Agriculture, Animal Health Division, have received reports of two confirmed human cases of tularemia in LaMoure and Burleigh County; one unconfirmed but likely positive human case in Stark County; a case in a squirrel from the Roosevelt Zoo in Minot; and cases in two primates from the Dakota Zoo in Bismarck. Tularemia is an uncommon disease that humans can catch from animals and insects.

<http://www.valleynewslive.com/home/headlines/Tularemia-Identified-In-Four-North-Dakota-Counties-318509531.html>

(North Dakota) Cass County Sheriff's Office Identifies Weekend Shooting Victim. The Cass County Sheriff's Office has identified a man shot over the weekend in rural Cass County. They say 28-year-old Akeem Johnson received medical treatment for non-life threatening injuries.

<http://www.valleynewslive.com/home/headlines/Cass-County-Sheriffs-Office-Identifies-Weekend-Shooting-Victim-318653951.html>

REGIONAL

(Wisconsin; Minnesota) Storm knocks out power to 225,000 in western Wisconsin and Minnesota. About 240,000 Minnesota and western Wisconsin residents lost power July 17 after a line of severe thunderstorms caused damage across the region.

<http://www.ifreepress.com/businessfinance/6820-storm-knocks-out-power-to-225-000-in-western-wisconsin-and-minnesota>

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(Montana) At least 35,000 gallons of oil spills after Montana train derailment. A train derailment in northeastern Minnesota spilled an estimated 35,000 gallons of oil July 16, forcing the evacuation of nearby homes. A HAZMAT team was able to contain the spill and no fire or injuries were reported.

<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2015/07/18/at-least-35000-gallons-oil-spills-after-montana-train-derailment/>

(Montana) Fire near Glacier National Park doubles in size. Winds in Glacier National Park expanded wildfires that have been raging for the past several weeks to 4,000 acres, forcing the evacuation of campers in St. Mary Valley July 22 and destroying at least one historic structure in the park.

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2015/07/23/fire-spreads-near-glacier-national-park/30548783/>

NATIONAL

(National) Discover to pay \$18.5 mln over student loan allegations. U.S. regulators reported July 22 that Discover Financial Services agreed to pay \$18.5 million in penalties and consumer refunds to resolve allegations that Discover Bank overstated minimum amounts due on billing statements, took unfair actions on debt collection, and failed to provide basic student loan servicing functions.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/07/22/usa-banks-studentloans-idUSL1N1021F620150722>

(National) Medicare funds totaling \$60 billion improperly paid, report finds. The U.S. Government Accountability Office released a report July 22 which revealed 23,400 potentially fake or incorrect addresses on Medicare's list of health care providers, causing an estimated \$60 billion lost to fraud, waste, abuse and improper payments under the Medicare system. Medicare responded to the findings stating that they do not have the authority to cross-check State and license revocation or suspension in states where a physician is not set up to bill Medicare.

<http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/medicare-funds-totaling-60-billion-improperly-paid-report/story?id=32604330>

(National) Coast Guard Finds Boat, but No Sign of 2 Teen Fishermen. The Coast Guard scoured the waters off Florida on Monday, searching for any sign of two 14-year-old

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fishermen who disappeared three days earlier as they headed toward the Bahamas. On Sunday, the Coast Guard located the teens' 19-foot boat about 67 miles from where they were last seen buying \$110 worth of gas. The center-console boat had capsized but it didn't appear damaged.

INTERNATIONAL

(International) North Korea: We're not interested in Iran-style nuclear talks. The Democratic People's Republic of Korea is not interested at all. North Korea's nuclear program is a lot more advanced than Iran's. It has carried out three underground nuclear tests and is believed by many experts to already possess nuclear weapons in some form.

<http://www.cnn.com/2015/07/21/asia/north-korea-not-interested-in-iran-type-deal/index.html>

(International) Funerals held for victims of terror attack in Turkish border town. At least 31 people were killed in the explosion -- one of the deadliest terrorist attacks to rock the country in years. An additional 100 others were wounded. The Syrian city that was the scene of intense fighting last fall between ISIS and predominantly Kurdish forces, backed by coalition airstrikes.

<http://www.cnn.com/2015/07/21/world/turkey-suruc-explosion/index.html>

(International) Man Accused of Plotting Attack Targeting U.S. Service Members in U.K. A 24-year-old man was accused by British authorities Tuesday of planning a terrorist attack targeting American military personnel in the U.K. Junead Ahmed Khan is also charged in connection with planning to travel to Syria to join ISIS along with his 22-year-old uncle Shazib Ahmed Khan, the Crown Prosecution Service said in a statement. Both men live in Luton, north of London.

<http://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/isis-terror/man-accused-plotting-attack-targeting-u-s-service-members-u-n395661>

(International) U.S. hits top terror leader in strike. Muhsin al Fadhli, a Kuwaiti-born jihadi with a \$7 million bounty on his head from the U.S. government, was the leader of the Khorasan Group -- a collection of senior al Qaeda members who had moved into Syria amid the chaotic destruction of the country in recent years. The pentagon stated that the leader was killed in a targeted strike earlier this month.

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<http://www.cnn.com/2015/07/21/politics/khorasan-group-muhsin-al-fadhli-al-qaeda/index.html>

(International) Russian austerity: Putin fires 110,000 officials. The Russian president signed a decree last week limiting the number of staff employed by the Interior Ministry to just over one million. That requires massive layoffs that will bring total headcount down by 10% in hopes of turning the economy around.
<http://money.cnn.com/2015/07/24/news/russia-putin-layoffs/index.html>

(International) Turkish warplanes bomb ISIS positions in Syria for the first time. Turkish warplanes bombed ISIS positions in Syria for the first time early Friday, escalating the conflict in the region a day after members of the terrorist group killed a Turkish soldier in a border clash.
<http://www.cnn.com/2015/07/24/middleeast/turkey-syria-isis-violence/index.html>

(International) 13 people killed in al Shabaab attack on Somalia hotel. A Somali militant Islamist group attacked a Mogadishu hotel on Sunday, driving a car packed with explosives through the hotel gate and killing at least 13 people, a first responder and the rebel group said.
<http://www.hindustantimes.com/world-news/around-13-people-killed-in-al-shabaab-attack-on-somali-hotel/article1-1373665.aspx>

BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY

(National) California payment processing company owner pleads guilty to fraud. The owner of California-based Check Site Inc., pleaded guilty July 16 to charges that he used his company to assist at least two fraudulent payday loan merchants who used consumer information to withdraw millions of dollars from consumer accounts without their knowledge by knowingly processing the transactions, and by providing the merchants access to the banking system via remotely created checks (RCC).
<https://www.fbi.gov/philadelphia/press-releases/2015/california-payment-processing-company-owner-pleads-guilty-to-fraud>

(Maryland) Armored truck spills cash inside highway tunnel. Baltimore's Harbor Tunnel reopened July 16 after being shut down in both directions for

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approximately 7 hours while crews recovered money that fell out of the rear door of a Brinks armored truck July 15 after the truck's door security malfunctioned.

<http://www.10tv.com/content/stories/2015/07/17/ap-baltimore-maryland-cash-spills-onto-highway.html>

(International) TD Bank to pay \$20 million to settle Ponzi scheme lawsuit. TD Bank agreed to pay \$20 million July 17 to resolve allegations from a class action lawsuit that the bank aided a \$223 million-plus Ponzi scheme run on European investors by failing to properly monitor trust accounts and investigate suspicious activity.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/07/17/us-tdbank-ponzi-idUSKCN0PR1YX20150717>

(International) JPMorgan reaches \$388 million settlement in mortgage securities case. JPMorgan Chase & Co agreed to pay \$388 million to settle charges brought by the Fort Worth Employees' Retirement fund and other investors alleging that the bank misled them about the quality and safety of \$10 billion worth of residential mortgage-backed securities leading up to the 2008 financial crisis.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/07/18/jpmorgan-mbs-lawsuit-idUSL2NOZY01D20150718>

CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

(Louisiana) Man described as drifter kills 2, himself in Lafayette, Louisiana movie theater. The Louisiana State Police reported July 24 that an Alabama man indiscriminately shot and killed 2 people and injured 9 others before shooting himself while attending a movie in Lafayette July 23. The theater was evacuated and police are investigating the case.

<http://www.cnn.com/2015/07/24/us/louisiana-theater-shooting/>

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

CRITICAL MANUFACTURING

(Connecticut) Employees of New Britain, Conn., heat treatment plant face chemical, fire, explosion and mechanical hazards. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration issued New Britain-based Metallurgical Processing Inc., July 20 with 24 serious citations for violations including failing to train and properly equip employees who perform live electrical work, a lack of a pressure relief valve on a nitrogen tank, and improper storage of chemicals and combustible materials, among other issues. Proposed penalties total \$77,000.

https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=28299

(National) Dodge Journey and Fiat Freemont engine-cover recall affects 350k CUVs. Fiat Chrysler Automobiles issued a recall July 22 for 144,416 model year 2011 – 2015 Dodge Journey and Fiat Freemont 2.4-liter vehicles in the U.S. with 4-cylinder engines due to an issue in which engine covers can be dislodged, posing a fire-risk.

<http://www.autoblog.com/2015/07/22/dodge-journey-fiat-freemont-engine-cover-recall/>

(National) Hacker: ‘hundreds of thousands’ of vehicles are at risk of attack. A director of security research at IOActive who recently hacked into the system of a 2015 Jeep Cherokee from 10 miles away, reported that the hack could be repeated on hundreds of thousands of vulnerable model year 2013 – 2015 vehicles currently on the road, and that prior access to the vehicle is not required for a zero day-style attack, which works on any Chrysler vehicle with the Uconnect telematics system.

http://www.networkworld.com/article/2951837/security/hacker-hundreds-of-thousands-of-vehicles-are-at-risk-of-attack.html#tk.rss_all

DEFENSE/ INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

EMERGENCY SERVICES

(California) Lake Berryessa fire grows to 6,000 acres; mandatory evacuations issued. Highway 128 in Lake Berryessa was shut down for an unspecified amount of time while a total of 525 firefighters worked to battle an explosive wildfire that grew to 6,000 acres overnight and threatened nearly 200 structures prompting mandatory evacuations. Officials believe the cause of the fire was a vehicle crash but the investigation is ongoing.

<http://www.kcra.com/news/wildfire-prompts-evacuations-near-lake-berryessa/34303526>

ENERGY

(New York) Crews working to restore power to thousands on Staten Island, Long Island. Over 19,000 outages were reported July 20 across New York City due to electrical load issues amid high temperatures, and 138,000 customers had their power reduced while utility crews worked to restore service. Staten Island Tech and New Dorp High School were established as cooling centers to provide relief from the heat.

<http://7online.com/news/20000+-without-power-in-region;-brooklyn-queens-manchattan-residents-asked-to-conserve-energy/866071/>

(Hawaii) Generator shutdown cuts power to 57,000 customers. Hawaiian Electric Company officials reported that emergency outages were launched across Oahu July 22, leaving 57,000 without power after the island's largest generating unit shut down unexpectedly.

<http://khon2.com/2015/07/22/no-additional-blackouts-expected-after-oahu-power-plant-goes-down/>

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

(National) Nearly 2 million pounds of frozen, raw stuffed chicken products recalled. Aspen Foods, a subsidiary of Koch Poultry Company of Chicago, is recalling approximately 1,978,680 pounds of frozen, raw, stuffed, and breaded chicken products due to possible salmonella enteritis contamination. The products were shipped nationwide. <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2015/07/nearly-2-million-pounds-of-frozen-raw-stuffed-chicken-products-recalled/#.VajsINxBSUk>

GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)

(California) 3,500-acre North Fire in Cajon Pass burns homes and vehicles, shuts down 15 Freeway. The North Fire in San Bernardino National Forest burned 3,500 acres July 18, forcing the closure of the I-15 Freeway near Cajon Pass after it destroyed 20 cars and damaged 10. An evacuation center was established at Serrano High School in Phelan, California for Baldy Mesa residents. <http://ktla.com/2015/07/17/15-freeway-shut-down-in-cajon-pass-due-to-30-acre-north-fire/>

(National) OPM changes privacy rules to let investigators inside all databases. The U.S. Office of Personnel Management announced July 16 updated privacy regulations for routine use, granting access for investigators to all its databases in the case of suspected or confirmed security breaches. The public has until August 17 to comment on these changes in confidentiality. <http://www.nextgov.com/cybersecurity/2015/07/opm-changes-privacy-rules-let-investigators-inside-all-databases/118105/>

(National) Security experts point to OPM's biggest cybersecurity failure. The Institute for Critical Infrastructure Technology released a report citing the lack of a comprehensive governing policy for cybersecurity as the greatest failure leading to the June breach of its systems, and recommended that the agency address security gaps identified by auditors and implement a behavioral analytics system to compensate for rapidly advancing advanced persistent, sophisticated threats. <http://www.nextgov.com/cybersecurity/2015/07/security-experts-point-opms-biggest-cybersecurity-failure/118274/>

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

(International) Ashley Madison hacked, info of 37million users stolen. Hackers calling themselves “The Impact Team” reportedly accessed and stole personal information and financial records of 37 million of AvidLife’s Ashley Madison Web site as well as user databases for 2 other sites that the company owns. The hack was perpetrated in response to Avid Life’s failure to provide its offered “full delete” feature for user profiles.

<http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=18643>

(International) CVS investigating possible payment card breach, shuts down photo Web site. CVS reported that the company had shut down its CVSPhoto.com Web site while it investigated a possible payment card beach of the independent vendor that manages and hosts the site, PNI Digital Media. Company officials confirmed that purchases made in-store and on other CVS Web pages are not affected.

<http://www.scmagazine.com/cvs-investigating-possible-payment-card-breach-shuts-down-photo-website/article/427116/>

(International) Microsoft issues critical out-of –band patch for flaw affecting all Windows versions. Microsoft released an update addressing a critical remote code execution vulnerability (RCE) with the OpenType Font Driver in the Windows Adobe Type Manager Library affecting all supported versions of Windows that was being exploited in the wild.

http://www.networkworld.com/article/2949910/microsoft-subnet/microsoft-issues-critical-out-of-band-patch-for-flaw-affecting-all-windows-versions.html#tk.rss_all

(International) Study: half of critical infrastructure IT professionals believe major attack looming. Findings from a survey of over 600 critical infrastructure information technology (IT) professionals in Intel Security’s “Critical Infrastructure Readiness Report” revealed that about half of all respondents believe an attack on critical infrastructure in the next three years will down systems and lead to loss of life, and that 90 percent of respondents’ organizations faced an average of 20 attacks in the last year, among other statistics.

<http://www.scmagazine.com/intel-security-conducts-cyberattack-survey/article/427429/>

(International) All Smartwatches Vulnerable to Attack: HP Study. HP this week shared the results of a security assessment revealing that virtually all smartwatches with network and communication functionality are vulnerable to cyberattacks. The study found that 100 percent of the tested smartwatches contain significant vulnerabilities, including poor authentication, lack of encryption and privacy issues. HP said that it evaluated 10 of the top smartwatches currently on the market, along with their Android and iOS apps, from an attacker's perspective.

<http://www.securityweek.com/all-smartwatches-vulnerable-attack-hp-study>

PUBLIC HEALTH

(California) Details of 4.5 million individuals exposed in UCLA Health breach. As many as 4.5 million patients at UCLA Health System may have been affected by a breach of unencrypted information discovered October 2014 and announced July 17. The hospital is working with the FBI and computer forensics experts to investigate the incident, and is offering a year of identity theft recovery services as well as a year of free credit monitoring for affected individuals.

<http://www.securityweek.com/details-45-million-individuals-exposed-ucla-health-breach>

(Pennsylvania) Lehigh Valley mental health clinics accused of fraud, unqualified psychotherapy. The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania filed a lawsuit against Lehigh Valley Community Mental Health Centers July 20 in response to allegations of Medicaid fraud. A total of nine clinics under the mental health system were accused of using unqualified stand-ins for psychiatrists and failing to meet the minimum time requirement for medication management visits. Source:

http://www.lehighvalleylive.com/news/index.ssf/2015/07/lehigh_valley_mental_health_cl.html

(Georgia) Official at Augusta VA hospital indicted on 50 counts of ordering staff to falsify vets' records. A supervisor at the Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center in

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Augusta, Georgia was charged with 50 counts of making false statements in an unsealed indictment July 17 after allegedly ordering staff members to fabricate medical records of veterans in need of outside care.

Source: <http://jacksonville.com/news/crime/2015-07-18/story/official-augusta-hospital-indicted-50-counts-ordering-staff-falsify>

TRANSPORTATION

(California) Flooding, bridge collapse shut down 10 Freeway east of Coachella.

An elevated section of Interstate 10 in Desert Center, California collapsed July 19 due to heavy rains and floods. Transportation officials say the westbound side of the 10 Freeway was also damaged by flooding, leaving the interstate closed indefinitely.

<http://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/Thunderstorms-Continue-Through-Weekend-317323541.html>

(Washington) State fire help requested for I-90 fire near George. All lanes of Interstate 90 in George were shut down between milepost 138 and 154 July 20 while State fire assistance worked to contain a 900-acre fire that caused a Level 3 evacuation to be implemented for multiple recreational areas along the river. No homes or buildings have been destroyed.

<http://www.krem.com/story/news/local/wildfire/2015/07/20/i-90-shut-down-again-near-vantage-due-to-brush-fire/30430779/>

(New York) Power outage causes flight cancellations, delays at LaGuardia

Airport, officials say. A Port Authority of New York and New Jersey official reported that 45 flights into and out of LaGuardia Airport were cancelled and 5 more were delayed July 24 after a contractor accidentally cut 2 feeder cables serving the terminal, causing an outage. Crews installed temporary generators to resume service and are working to complete permanent repairs.

<http://www.newsday.com/news/new-york/laguardia-airport-delays-due-to-power-problem-officials-say-1.10673161>

WATER AND DAMS

(Kansas) City of Topeka leak causes 55,000 gallons of raw sewage to spill into Kansas River. Crews were working to repair and reroute the flow of the pipe after a sanitary sewer main leaked July 21 and caused 55,000 gallons of raw sewage to spill into the Kansas River in northeast Topeka. The cause of the leak remains under investigation.

<http://cjonline.com/news/2015-07-21/city-topeka-leak-causes-55000-gallons-raw-sewage-spill-kansas-river>

NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY CONTACTS

To report a homeland security incident, please contact your local law enforcement agency or one of these agencies: **North Dakota State and Local Intelligence Center:** 866-885-8295(IN ND ONLY); Email: ndslic@nd.gov; Fax: 701-328-8175 **State Radio:** 800-472-2121; **Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI):** 701-328-5500; **North Dakota Highway Patrol:** 701-328-2455; **US Attorney's Office Intel Analyst:** 701-297-7400; **Bismarck FBI:** 701-223-4875; **Fargo FBI:** 701-232-7241.

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